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SUBJECT: WRAPUP PRESS SUMMARY, JUNE 27-29

1. SUN-PG 2 (JUNE 27) HENRY L. TREWHITT REPORTS PRESIDENT CARTER FACING SHIFTING FOREIGN POLICY CONSTITUENTS. WHILE MOST AMERICANS PLEASED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS STAND AT BELGRADE, SOVIET UNION, PREDICTABLY, IS DISPLEASED ALONG WITH SOME AMERICAN ALLIES AND DOMESTIC HARDLINERS WHO FEEL APPROACH IS NAIVE.

2. CSM-PG 8 (JUNE 27) ERIC BOURNE REPORTS NEUTRAL EFFORTS AT COMPROMISE FAIL TO BREAK BELGRADE STALEMATE. ON AGENDA DISPUTE, ASSUMES SOVIETS PURSUING FAMILIAR NEGOTIATING TACTIC OF SHARPENING POSITION TO TEST OTHER SIDE. HUMAN RIGHTS PROTESTERS ON BEHALF OF SOVIET JEWS CHECKED BY YUGOSLAV POLICE.

3. WP-PG 15 (JUNE 28 - SAME STORY IN SUN-PG 4) REPORTED
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SHIFT IN SOVIET STANCE AT BELGRADE. IN LATEST STATEMENT, CHIEF DELEGATE VORONTSOV TOOK "MILD AND CONCILIATORY" APPROACH, PARTICULARLY ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS, IN COMPARISON TO PREVIOUS HARDLINE STANCE. SOVIETS INFER CONFERENCE AGENDA COULD BE SETTLED IN 2-3 DAYS.

4. STAR-PG 4 (JUNE 28) REPORT CITES "CHANGE OF TUNE"

ON PART OF YULY VORONTSOV, WITHDRAWING FROM EARLIER WARNING THAT WESTERN POSITIONS COULD LEAD TO BREAKDOWN, TO STATEMENT HIS COUNTRY WOULD COOPERATE TO MAKE SUCCESS OF BELGRADE CONFERENCE.

5. SUN-PG 2 (JUNE 29) HENRY TREWHITT REASSERTS DIVISION OVER HUMAN RIGHTS AT BELGRADE, PROJECTING ANOTHER MONTH TO SETTLE AGENDA DISPUTE AND ADDITIONAL THREE MONTHS TO REVIEW PERFORMANCE UNDER HELSINKI ACCORDS. RECENT CONCILIATORY APPROACH BY SOVIETS LIKELY DUE TO NARROWNESS OF SUPPORT ON PART OF NEUTRALS, LED BY YUGOSLAVIA AND ROMANIA. AMERICAN DIPLOMATS STILL SEE ROCKY ROAD AHEAD. CHRISTOPHER

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